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REMARKS - General

Non-Statutory Double Patenting Rejection:

The Office Action (OA) rejects claims 1-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type, non-statutory, double patenting over commonly assigned, copending application No. 10/737,021.

Applicant includes herein a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFT 1.321(c), as well as a statement of ownership under 37 CFR 3.73(b) to overcome this rejection. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in light of this terminal disclaimer.

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CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants believe the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Applicants believe this application is now in condition for allowance, for which they respectfully submit.

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